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SUBJ: PRESIDENT SALECK COMMENTS ON POLITICAL PARTIES, ADVISORY COUNCIL

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1. IN JULY 19 INTERVIEW WITH LOCAL RADIO STATION, PRESIDENT SALECK DEFINED SOMEWHAT MORE PRECISELY AND FIRMLY WHAT HE BELIEVED TO BE PARAMETERS OF NEW POLITICAL LIBERALISM. HE FORESEES TWO PHASES, FIRST OF WHICH IS "TEST" FOR SECOND. DURING EARLIER STAGE MILITARY COMMITTEE WILL HAVE TO ASSUME ALL DUTIES AND DIRECTION OF NATION, AND ALL PARTIES AND CLAMISM WILL BE EXCLUDED. ONLY PARTY WILL BE NATION ITSELF.

2. DURING SECOND PHASE SALECK SEES PREPARATIONS FOR NEW INSTITUTIONS BUT STRESSED CAREFUL PREPARATION AND INCLUDED PARTICULAR WARNING AGAINST CERTAIN TENDENCIES: QUOTE WE ARE AWARE OF OUR CONSTITUENTS, WE WILL GIVE THEM AS MUCH ROOM AS NECESSARY, BUT AS NATIONAL GROUPS AND NOT AS ORGANIZATIONS MOTIVATED BY A CERTAIN NUMBER OF PERSONS OR PERSONALITIES INCLINED TOWARD PERSONAL POWER OR INFLUENCE. END QUOTE. THE LATTER, WARNED THE PRESIDENT WILL BE SYSTEMATICALLY HALTED (FREIN ES) IN ALL THEIR ACTIONS.

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3. PRESIDENT ALSO DISCUSSED ROLL OF COUNCIL OR CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION OF PRIVATE CITIZENS REPORTED REF MAJOR ROLE WOULD BE ONE OF REFLECTION, PREPARATION AND WORKING GROUPS TO PREPARE PROSALS (AVANT-PROJECTS) HE EMPHASIZED GROUP WOULD NOT BE A TYPE OF NATIONALE ASSEMBLY OR GROUP

OF DEPUTIES AND STATED DESIRE TO PUT AN END TO THE MANY RUMORS NOW
CIRCULATING TO THAT EFFECT.

4. IN RESPONSE TO FINAL ROUTINE QUESTION ON REACTION OF FOREIGN
COMMUNITY CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT, PRESIDENT GAVE EXTENDED RESPONSE
WHICH INCLUDED REPEATED REFERENCES TO MAURITANIAN SOVEREIGNTY AND
SPECIFICALLY DISCUSSED WAR. HE EMPHASIZED THAT PEOPLES DESIRE
FOR ENGAGING IN PEACE-SEEKING PROCESS WAS NOT BASED ON AN INABILITY
TO FIGHT AS QUOTE "OUR PEOPLE ARE THE MOST APT TO MAKE WAR AMONG
ALL THE PEOPLES ON THE WORLD END QUOTE, HOWEVER, HE CONTINUED, DESPIT
E
THIS PERVASIVE WARRIOR SPIRIT, AT THIS POINT IN THE NATIONS HISTORY
QUOTE IT SHOULD WAGE WAR ONLY IF IT IS JUSTIFIED AND WHEN IT SHOULD
LEAD TO TRULY FIXED AND RECOGNIZED GOALS, OBJECTIVE AND VAG ABYSO
END QUOTE. KRYZA

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